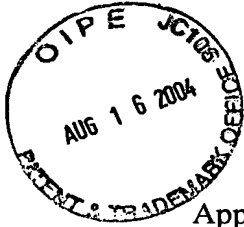


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Applicant : M. SUGIMOTO, et al.
Serial No. : 10/070,353
Filed : February 25, 2002
For : CONNECTED STRUCTURAL BODY

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition for a one (1) month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed on April 13, 2004 for which a three (3) month response period expiring on July 13, 2004 was set. The extended period expires effectively on August 13, 2004.

Please charge the extension fee of One Hundred Ten Dollars (\$110.00) for a one (1) month extension of time to Deposit Account 11-0600. If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account 11-0600. A copy of this Petition is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

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